



Argus

League of Women Voters of Lane County Newsletter

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE MONEY

by Freddi Weishahn, Development Chair

How can we possibly calculate the worth of your time – helping in our office, working on studies, monitoring local government, registering voters, or hosting and attending meetings? How can we put a dollar value on commitment? These are gifts to the League that are not entered on spreadsheets.

The League welcomes special gifts in memory or honor of a League or beloved family member. This year we have received \$2,000 such gifts to date. If you would like to leave a bequest to LWVLC so that your commitment can continue, please check with an estate planning professional.

We begin this year with renewed energy toward our mission and give thanks to our members and supporters for the many gifts you have given.

PROGRAM

Linda Ferdowsian, Program Co-Chair

What current issues do you feel passionately about?

For the past 82 years local League members voiced their passion not only with voting rights but also with improving the standards of government services and the welfare of the community.

It was through research and consensus that the League was able to advocate and influence change. In 1948 through the local League's efforts Lane County became the first Oregon county to adopt a county zoning Ordinance, which led to the development of suburban areas.

It is through the process of program and action that League members can pursue their interests and concerns. Last January, after the wildfires had destroyed and threatened so much of Lane County, League members proposed a study, Wildfire Risk and Recovery in Lane County. December's Everymember material was the product of the committee's research. Unit attendees discussed the importance of defensibility, what measures could be taken as individuals, and the ramifications of SB 762, Oregon's first comprehensive wildfire bill, which was strongly supported by the League. And one League member has posted the Wildfire Risk and Recovery material on her neighborhood association's website.

So, what is your passion?

You are important in the program planning discussion at the unit meetings in January.

You have the opportunity to make a difference in the League's education, action, and advocacy.



**JANUARY SPEAKER WILL BE
KAARIN KNUDSEN**
Founding Director and Board Member of



Go to LWVLC website to register for the January 20th noon webinar.

UNITS

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JANUARY UNIT DISCUSSION PROGRAM PLANNING FOR 2022-23

Do you have an issue that you would like to see the League address? Our January unit meetings provide the opportunity for us to review our current positions and suggest new topics for us to research and discuss. We will be looking at the local and national positions. You can read brief statements about each position in the back pages of your new 2021-22 Directory.

Listed below are five opportunities for members to attend and let your voice be heard. Each unit will look closely at particular local positions. Included with your *Argus* is the Everymember material which has a more detailed explanation of the program planning procedure. You are invited to attend one or all of the unit meetings; contact the unit discussion leader for the Zoom link.

Friday, January 7, 2 pm

Cascade Manor View Room

Community Development: Housing; Planning and Zoning; Sign Control; Sustainable Metropolitan Management; Transportation.
 Discussion Leader: Merle Bottge, 541-434-4191.

Monday, January 10, 10 am, Zoom

Governmental Services: Elementary and Secondary School Facilities; Library Services; Mental Health Services for Adults in Lane County; Parklands; Ending Violence in Lane County.

Community Development: Housing.
 Discussion Leader: Nancy Mills, nmills@trinity.edu

Monday, January 10, 2 pm, Zoom

Government Structure and Process: Boards, Commissions and Committees; Lane County Government; Urban Services; Structure of Local Government;

Community Development: Housing.
 Discussion Leader: Mary Keating, myrnalouise@hotmail.com

Tuesday, January 11, 10 am. Zoom

Economic Policy: Capital Improvement Financing; Local Government Finance; Sustainable Economic Management; Urban Renewal and Tax Increment Financing;
Natural Resources: Solid Waste.

Community Development: Housing.
 Discussion Leader: Linda Ferdowsian, lferdowsian@yahoo.com

Wednesday, January 12, noon, Zoom only for Cottage Grove.

Community Development: Housing;
Social Policy: Ending Violence in Lane County;
Government Structure and Process: Boards, Commissions, and Committees; Lane County Government.
 Discussion Leader: Cynthia Sharp, cynthiasharp01@gmail.com

Linda Ferdowsian

BRIEFING

January 4, 2 pm

For Zoom link contact

Mary Keating

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CHECK OUT THE NEW DISTRICT MAP

By Paula Grisafi, Voter Service Chair

Lane County finished its redistricting process with the county commissioners selecting *Map J* from the three choices the Independent Redistricting Committee (IRC) presented. There was a moderate amount of public comment elicited by the three choices with most of the written and oral testimony preferring *Map C*, but in the end the commissioners selected the map that was given the top choice by the IRC.

Now that the map has been chosen, it is important that county residents review the map, which is able to be enlarged for better viewing, to see which district you belong to and who represents you. You should not assume that you are in the same district that you were in the past. It is still possible to look at the map on the Lane County Government website under the heading

Advisory Committees: Independent Redistricting Committee.

https://p1cdn4static.civillive.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_3585797/File/Government/County%20Departments/County%20Administration/IRC/Map%20J.pdf

The LWVLC will review the process with an eye toward

making recommendations to the commissioners for improvements before there is an effort to develop a county charter amendment. This year's process was on a shortened timeline because the pandemic caused a delay in compiling and sending out census information and meetings were held online instead of in person. This complicated efforts to have the IRC work together easily, so recommendations will take that into account.

The Voter Service Committee is looking for volunteers to help with 2022 election season efforts. For more information please contact Paula Grisafi at voterservice@lwvlc.org.

Voter Service Meeting

January 13, 2 pm

League office and via Zoom

To receive the link contact

voterservice@lwvlc.org

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Karla Rusow, Membership Chair

First, Happy Holidays to everyone. Our current membership roster shows 153 currently paid members. Although this is a drop from last year, it is still good news in an off-election year when interest usually wanes.

A tabling event for the Holiday Market was put together and held December 4 and 5. I feel it was a success just for the fact that people stepped up and covered all of the shifts so we did not have to leave it unattended at any time. It was also good to get some exposure for the League, and everyone who worked seemed to enjoy it. Kudos to all!! We had a few people

leave contact information, and Kim has already sent information to them about joining.

I would like to thank the following people for participating: Charlcie Kaylor, Linda Ferdowsian, Veronika Walton, Nancy O'Kief, Donna Donohue, Anne Best, Kathy Merwyn Gonzalez and Gabriel, and Janet Calvert. I would also like to thank Kim Weston and Veronika Walton for all their hard work on the new Membership Directory, which will be out soon.



Membership Meeting

January 18, 2 pm

League office and Zoom

To receive the link contact

membership@lwvlc.org

ACTION COMMITTEE UPDATES

MORE TO DO IN 2022

by Terry Parker, Action Chair

REDISTRICTING - The Lane County Independent Review Committee (IRC) sent three maps to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration. Map J was selected by a 3-2 vote. (See also page 3.) Check out the new district map on the Lane County website: [Map J - Lane County Commissioned Districts](#)

At a meeting on December 13, the City Council unanimously approved new ward boundaries for **Eugene**. You can view the map and get demographic information for the new wards on the City of Eugene website:

[2021 City of Eugene Ward Map](#)
[Eugene Demographic Information for New Wards](#)

HOMELESSNESS - The Eugene Chamber of Commerce completed a report on homelessness in Eugene and held a panel discussion on the current unhoused population in the region and possible solutions. If you missed it, listen to KLCC's recorded broadcast:

[City Club of Eugene - Homelessness](#)

From Keeping in Touch - The Mayor's Blog, Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis reports "a joint meeting with the Lane County Board of Commissioners in December was devoted to an update on several facets of shared work (City and Lane County) to address homelessness." Learn more on the City's website:

[City of Eugene - Notes from the Mayor \(Dec Post\)](#)

Mayor Vinis also said, "As I have commented before, the capacity of our provider organizations is stretched thin, and the staff highlighted the opportunity to invest American Rescue Plan funds in supporting behavioral health services, outreach teams, and administration of nonprofit providers."

Here is an advocacy opportunity for interested LWVLC members who want to encourage the City to direct American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to help reduce the incidence of homelessness in our

community.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN - There is a new draft 20-year Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the Central Lane region. From Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation (BEST) on **Measuring Plan Outcomes**, "after spending \$1.65 billion, the region is not projected to be significantly better. In the year 2045, about the same percentage of trips will be driving alone, and on average each person will drive 6% more than today."

On urging from BEST and other advocates, the [Metropolitan Policy Committee \(MPC\)](#) has extended the time for review of the draft [Central Lane Regional Transportation Plan \(RTP\)](#).

To stay up to date follow BEST:

[Better Eugene Springfield Transportation - Facebook](#)

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

Allocating Funding to Proposed Projects In December Lane Board of County Commissioners began allocating funding to projects and services from the first payment of funds received from the US Department of Treasury as part of the ARPA.

Lane County staff submitted 84 project requests totaling \$101.5 million on proposed funding opportunities. A sub-committee of the ARP Steering Committee used the approved ARP Scoring Matrix and evaluated the projects using adopted priorities and other criteria to meet the US Treasury's eligibility guidelines.

Some remaining project proposals are to be summarized with Lane County staff to develop a survey tool to gain feedback on these areas of focus and include sample project descriptions. Community members will have an opportunity to give input on where they would like to see Lane County invest ARPA funds.

[Lane County - American Rescue Plan](#)

Action Meeting January 5, 10 am

League office and via Zoom
To receive the link contact
action@lwwlc.org

HONORING NANCIE FADELEY

Charlcie Kaylor, President



Photo by Leah Murray

We gathered on December 5 to honor Nancie Fadeley with the Lane County League of Women Voters Annabel Kitzhaber Award.

There were many, many people who would have loved to attend the event. And they would have all been invited had it not been in what I call the plague years. Many felt the same as League member Kitty Piercy, who wrote, "Please tell her I hold her in high esteem and appreciate all she has contributed to Oregon."

Nancie, a most humble and modest person, would have been happy to have had the award brought to her by the post office. That would not have satisfied the rest of us. She graciously assented to a small, safe gathering.

About 25 guests attended including Karl Nestvold, Shira Fadeley, Chuck Fadeley. Mary Oberst, a close friend, revealed Nancie's ability to bring great, good fun to friends and family gatherings.

Nancie's pursuits are many. One was to see the inclusion of women into the much-needed Sponsors organization which transforms lives and strengthens the community by providing life-changing opportunities for people with conviction histories. In Nancie's name our League has donated \$250 to Sponsors.

The Annabel Kitzhaber award is presented to a League member or an outstanding Lane County citizen for long-term community commitment in the spir-

it of League's mission of education and advocacy. Nancie more than filled the bill.

Nancie Peacocke Fadeley was a member of the Oregon House of Representatives, representing portions of Springfield and Eugene, from 1971 through 1980. In 1971 and 1973, she chaired the House and Land Use Committee, when the committee oversaw the passage of Senate Bill 100, Oregon's pioneering, statewide land-use planning legislation, as well as the Oregon Bottle Bill. The passage of SB 100 prompted the formation of 1000 Friends of Oregon.

That's enough of a legacy for most people. Unable to quit making a difference, she became a charter member and a national board member of the Older Women's League (OWL), a grassroots organization that advocates for women as they age. After her service in the Oregon Legislative Assembly, Fadeley began a career at the University of Oregon, where she was assistant vice provost.

She is a freelance journalist who writes about Oregon history, environmental issues, and concerns of older women and a playwright who penned a skit (performed by League members in 2019) about Oregon suffragists' attempt to vote.

2005-07 Nancie was co-President with Flo Alvergue of our League, which is a big enough job. But, as we now realize, her job as recruiter for our Third Thursday speakers was an enormous achievement bringing to our members people who broadened our knowledge, raised our awareness, and called to action matters to which the League could, or should, turn its attention.

Thanks to those who made this lovely event possible: Linda Ferdowsian, Ellen Maddex, Janet Calvert, Freddi Weishahn, and Leah Murray.

FRUIT LOOPS GROUP

Audrey Alvarado, Marj Maxwell, Janet Calvert, and Chair Katie Loughary were part of the cheerful crew working to distribute fruit and nuts. In next month's *Argus* will be a report with details of the League's fundraiser.



Photo by Linda Ferdowsian



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CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 4 - 2 pm - Briefing (page 2)
- 5 - 10 am, Action meeting (page 4)
- 7 thru 12 - Units (page 2)
- 13 - 2 pm, Voter Service (page 3)
- 18 - 2 pm, Membership meeting (page 3)
- 19 - 1:30 pm, Board meeting
- 20 - Noon, League Speaker Series
- 21 - Midnight, *Argus* deadline

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